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SOVIET RELEASES TWO U. S. TOURISTS

State Department Says Men
Were Accused of Having
Entered Banned Zone

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 14—Two American tourists, held incommunicado for seven weeks by Soviet authorities, have been released and expelled from the Soviet Union, the State Department said today.

The two are Harvey C. Bennett, 28 years old, of Bath, Maine, and Mark I. Kaminsky, 28, of Edwarson, Mich.

The State Department said that the Soviet Foreign Ministry had informed the United States Embassy today of the expulsion of the two tourists at the border crossing point of Uzhgorodsky, both of whom speak Russian, entered the Soviet Union from Finland on July 27. They traveled in rented car.

Embassy officials assumed that the men had been released either yesterday or early today.

In informing the embassy of the expulsion, the Soviet Foreign Ministry said that the two Americans had been detained since Aug. 25, "when they departed from their permitted itinerary and deliberately penetrated a significant distance into a forbidden border zone."

Notes on Military Objectives

The Soviet authorities also asserted, the embassy reported, that films and notebooks taken from Mr. Kaminsky had "showed that he had been violating Soviet laws by gathering information on military objectives."

As a consequence, the Soviet Foreign Ministry said, Mr. Kaminsky had been accused of violating Article 2 of the Soviet law on state crimes, turned over to a court, and expelled along with Mr. Bennett from the Soviet Union.

According to the State Department, the embassy had "expressed concern" over the fact that the Soviet Government had ignored repeated inquiries about the two men, "despite the fact that it had knowledge of their whereabouts at least since Aug. 25."

State Department officials said that a formal protest would be made against the actions of the Soviet authorities, but that the protest would be held up until United States officials had the opportunity to talk with the men after their return to this country.

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Kaminsky, both of whom speak Russian, entered the Soviet Union from Finland on July 27. They traveled in rented car.

They had been scheduled to leave the Soviet Union at the frontier crossing point of Chop near the convergence of the Czech, Hungarian and Soviet borders about Aug. 25.

On Sept. 8, the State Department received a telegram from Mr. Bennett's wife stating that her last communication from her husband was a letter from Vinnitsa, dated Aug. 19, in which he said that they had had auto trouble but planned to leave through Chop in about six days.

A series of inquiries by the United States Embassy brought replies from Intourist, the official Soviet travel agency, that the whereabouts of the men was unknown.